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DISPATCH		CLASSIFICATION S E C R E T	PROCESSING ACTION
TO	Chief, WH		MARKED FOR INDEXING
INFO.	Chief, SB		NO INDEXING REQUIRED
FROM	C		ONLY QUALIFIED DESK CAN JUDGE INDEXING
SUBJECT	REDCOAT - Mario K. GIORDANO (p), TDY to Mexico		MICROFILM
ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES			
<p>REFERENCE: HMMS-5433, 16 August 1967</p> <p>1. GIORDANO was on TDY at Mexico City [] from 18 September until 22 November 1967, replacing [] regular Russian language transcriber.</p> <p>2. During the entire period of his TDY GIORDANO's work load was extremely heavy due to the presence of a large group of Soviet pre-olympic athletes and their attendants plus one Soviet ballet group followed by another. Such a concentration of visiting Soviets in Mexico is extremely unusual. In order to keep up with this overload, GIORDANO put in a fantastic amount of overtime for which he was not compensated. In addition he met, without fail, a daily deadline over a two week period in support of an important local operation. His work was consistently of the highest order. For this [] commends him and would welcome him back at any time.</p> <p>3. Transmitted herewith is GIORDANO's Activity Report for this period.</p> <p>4. [] requests that this dispatch and its attachment be brought to the attention of GIORDANO's superiors.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[]</p> <p>Attachment: Activity Report</p> <p>Distribution: 12 - C/WH, w/att. 2 - C/SB, w/att.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>GROUP 1 Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification</p> </div>			
CROSS REFERENCE TO	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NUMBER	DATE	
	HMMT-8567	29 December 1967	
	CLASSIFICATION	HQS FILE NUMBER	
	S E C R E T	TDYers File []	

TO: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. DATE: 21 Nov, 1967.
 FROM: TDY worker in Mexico.
 SUBJECT: TIME SHEETS and PROGRESS REPORTS.

This is to forward my two Time Sheets and Progress Reports for the period starting with my arrival in Mexico on 18th September and ending with 19 November, 1967.

The load of work on this desk during my stay here was above the normal, I was told, because the presence of many Soviets here: first the large dancing and singing ensemble "Berezka", then the more than 160 sportsmen and their large administrative staff for the Pre-Olympic sports competitions, and as the third large group the Ukrainian Ballet on Ice. Besides those main groups came and went many different delegations, representatives of all kinds of reporters of newspapers, radio and TV in connection with the Olympic events, preparations for the Olympic Games of 1968 and the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the October Revolution. Many of those people had numerous long distance calls in Mexico and abroad which took a lot of time to read due to the bad connections they often had.

It took me on many ^{days} ~~times~~ up to 16 full working hours to get ready with all the reels. I can honestly say that I did not waste my time, I worked as quickly as I ~~was~~ could. I often had to listen to the tape, to translate in my mind and to write the condensed transcript simultaneously.

The following chart gives an idea of the amount of work done and of the average time used to process one tape and one call (averages)

Three-week periods	Hours worked	Normal work time	The amount of			Time (hours) used per one		
			processed tapes	calls	Report sheets	Tape	Call	Page of Report
First:	229	120	142	.	.	1.54	.	.
Second:	195	112	122	1037	223	1.59	0.19	0.87
Third:	181	112	141	864	228	1.28	0.21	0.79

It is true that nobody asked me to work so long hours. I did this on my own initiative because I was here to do the job, and the work had to be done by me because there was nobody else to do it.

I probably would not have been able to cope with it had I not received good help from the Station as to the punctual meetings and exchange of taperecorders.

I am glad that my "old age health" allowed me to carry that load of work without any serious breaks although I often was so tired that I even had no wish to go out for sightseeing when there happened to be some free time.

It would be good if such abnormally hard working periods could be made in future a little more palatable for the workers by granting them some reward for the overload work if the Station finds that the work was done in due course. That would bolster the workers' moral very much.

*Original and two copies
 of this letter and the
 two reports.*

ATT to HMMT-8567

Date: 29 October 1967.

TIME SHEET and PROGRESS REPORT
for the Period from 18th September to 29 October, 1967, in MEXICO City.

Day & Date:	Spann of Time Worked		Breaks (Hours)	Hours Worked	W e e k l y T o t a l s :	
	From:	To:			Hours Worked.	Reels Processed
September:					*: New York Time. (Trip to Mexico & Briefing.)	
MO, 18:	0700*	2100	16.-	.	8.-	70 (40 + 30) 39
TU, 19:	0800	2200	14.-	2.-	12.-	
WE, 20:	0800	2330	15.5	1.5	14.-	
TH, 21:	0700	2330	16.5	2.5	14.-	
FR, 22:	0700	2200	15.-	3.-	12.-	
SA, 23:	-	-	-	-	-	
SU, 24:	1000	2300	13.-	3.-	10.-	
MO, 25:					***: The time over midnight is added to 2400.	
TU, 26:	0800	2430**	16.5	1.5	15.-	81 (40 + 41) 53
WE, 27:	0800	2400	16.-	2.-	14.-	
TH, 28:	0800	2300	15.-	4.-	11.-	
FR, 29:	0800	1300	5.-	-	5.-	
SA, 30:	0930	2400	14.5	2.5	12.-	
October:						
SU, 01:	0900	2600	17.-	6.-	11.-	
MO, 02:					78 (40 + 38) 50	
TU, 03:	0800	2430	16.5	0.5	16.-	32 (32 + 00) 15
WE, 04:	0800	2530	17.5	1.5	16.-	
TH, 05:	0800	2530	17.5	2.5	15.-	
FR, 06:	1130	2400	12.5	8.5	4.-	
SA, 07:	0900	2330	14.5	1.5	13.-	
SU, 08:	-	-	-	-	-	
MO, 09:					84 (40 + 44) 64	
TU, 10:	0800	2300	15.-	4.-	11.-	(Holyday; the rest of work finished. Break in supply of tapes.) 32 (32 + 00) 15
WE, 11:	0800	1730	9.5	3.5	6.-	
TH, 12:	0800	1000	2.-	-	2.-	
FR, 13:	-	-	-	-	-	
SA, 14:	-	-	-	-	-	
SU, 15:	-	-	-	-	-	
MO, 16:					79 (40 + 39) 43	
TU, 17:	0800	2445	16.75	1.75	15.-	424 (232 + 192) 264
WE, 18:	0800	2515	17.25	2.25	15.-	
TH, 19:	0800	2445	16.75	1.75	15.-	
FR, 20:	0800	2400	16.-	2.-	14.-	
SA, 21:	0930	2400	14.5	1.5	13.-	
SU, 22:	-	-	-	-	-	
MO, 23:					79 (40 + 39) 43	
TU, 24:	0800	2400	16.-	3.-	13.-	424 (232 + 192) 264
WE, 25:	0800	2600	18.-	2.-	16.-	
TH, 26:	0900	2545	16.75	1.75	15.-	
FR, 27:	0830	1500	6.5	0.5	6.-	
SA, 28:	0930	2400	14.5	2.5	12.-	
SU, 29:	2000	2300	3.-	-	3.-	
TOTALS for the Reporting Period:					424 (232 + 192)	

TIME SHEET and PROGRESS REPORT
For the Period from 30th October to 19th November 1967 in Mexico City.

Day & Date:	Spann of Time Worked		Breaks: (Hours)	Hours Worked.	Weekly Totals:		
	From:	To:			Hours worked	Reels Processed	
October:					Sum	Regu- lar time	
MO, 30:	0800	2400	16.-	2.-	14.-		
TU, 31:	0800	2400	16.-	2.-	14.-		
November:							
WE, 01:	0800	2400	16.-	2,-	14.-		
TH, 02:	0800	2000	12.-	2,-	10.-		
FR, 03:	0800	1300	5.-	-	5.-		
SA, 04:	-	-	-	-	-		
SU, 05:	-	-	-	-	-	57 (40 + 17)	42
MO, 06:	0800	2400	16.-	4.-	12.-		
TU, 07:	0800	2200	14.-	2.-	12.-		
WE, 08:	0800	2330	15.5	3.5	12.-		
TH, 09:	0900	2400	15.-	2.-	13.-		
FR, 10:	0900	1300	4.-	-	4.-	(Holiday)	
SA, 11:	-	-	-	-	-		
SU, 12:	-	0	0	-	-	53 (32 + 21)	41
Mo, 13:	0800	2530	17.5	1.5	16.-		
TU, 14:	0800	2400	16.-	2.-	14.-		
WE, 15:	0800	2600	18.-	6.-	12.-		
TH, 16:	0800	2530	17.5	3.5	14.-		
FR, 17:	0800	1300	5.-	-	5.-		
SA, 18:	-	-	-	-	-		
SU, 19:	1000	2400	14.-	4.-	10.-	71 (40 + 31)	58
TOTALS for the Reporting Period:					181	(112 + 69)	141
Totals of the Previous Period:					424	(232 + 192)	264
SUM TOTALS of Two Periods together:					605	(344 + 261)	405

20. Nov. 67